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#### **SBA Announces HUBZone and Government Contracting Training Seminar**

*Event to identify key steps for small business owners to obtain government contracts, along with free technical assistance from SBA and Resource Partners*

Augusta, Maine – Today, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Maine District Office announced a HUBZone training seminar will be held on Wednesday, May 9 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Machias Career Center (53 Prescott Drive), with a live simulcast at the Washington County Community College (Room 6). The event will be hosted by the Sunrise County Economic Council (SCEC), in conjunction with the Maine Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs). There is no charge to attend the event.

The SBA's Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) program helps small businesses that are located in economically challenged regions in obtaining federal contracts to spur economic development and job creation.

"This is the perfect opportunity for small business owners in Washington County to learn about doing business with the federal government," said Maurice Dubé, SBA District Director for Maine. "Participants will also be able to meet with SBA Resource Partners who provide free management and technical assistance to small businesses," Dubé added.

The seminar will include opening remarks from Harold Clossey, Executive Director of SCEC, a program overview from Bill Card of the SBA, a briefing from David Spooner regarding the PTAC's offerings, and an extensive review of HUBZone program and eligibility requirements from Keith Waye, a Procurement Center Representative with the SBA. A question and answer session will follow program briefings.

To register, please call Will Tuell at the Sunrise County Economic Council at 207-255-0983 ext. 10 or e-mail [wtuell@sunrisecounty.org](mailto:wtuell@sunrisecounty.org)

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) was created in 1953, and assists our nation's small businesses in creating jobs, preserving free competitive enterprise, and strengthening the overall economy of our nation. With an ongoing commitment to provide access to capital, government contracting opportunities and technical assistance to our small businesses, the SBA currently has a small business loan portfolio of \$107 billion working to facilitate the success of our nation's entrepreneurs.

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